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Dear EPA:

Regarding the toxic spill into the Animas River:

The toxic materials are already seated in the river bottom mud. How are you planning on removing it from the entire river?

When a summer rain storm puts rushing water into the river, it will stir up these heavy metals and back into the water. Year after year.

This spill will be harming people and the land for decades to come.

Who's going to pay for this?  
The EPA's money come from us.

Who will get fired?  
I suspect no one. Prove me wrong...

Although I live most of the year in New Hampshire, I have homes in both New Mexico and Colorado...so this affects me directly.

You did not alert NM government environment people until 24 hours AFTER the spill happened, you miscalculated the flow, and haven't been honest to the people along the river about the long term (and very long term) effects of this event.

Environmental PROTECTION Agency....really...protection?

-Dr R. A. Fesen  
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The toxic stew of mine waste that spilled into Colorado waters and turned a river orange last week is three times as large as officials originally estimated.

-- 3 million gallons laced with heavy metals